Kuchiki-pro hit his ball over the trees.
And then he was walking through the woods to get to the fairway on the other side.
And Miki's dad hit the ball from behind him.
So how did it come from in front of him to hit him in the chest?

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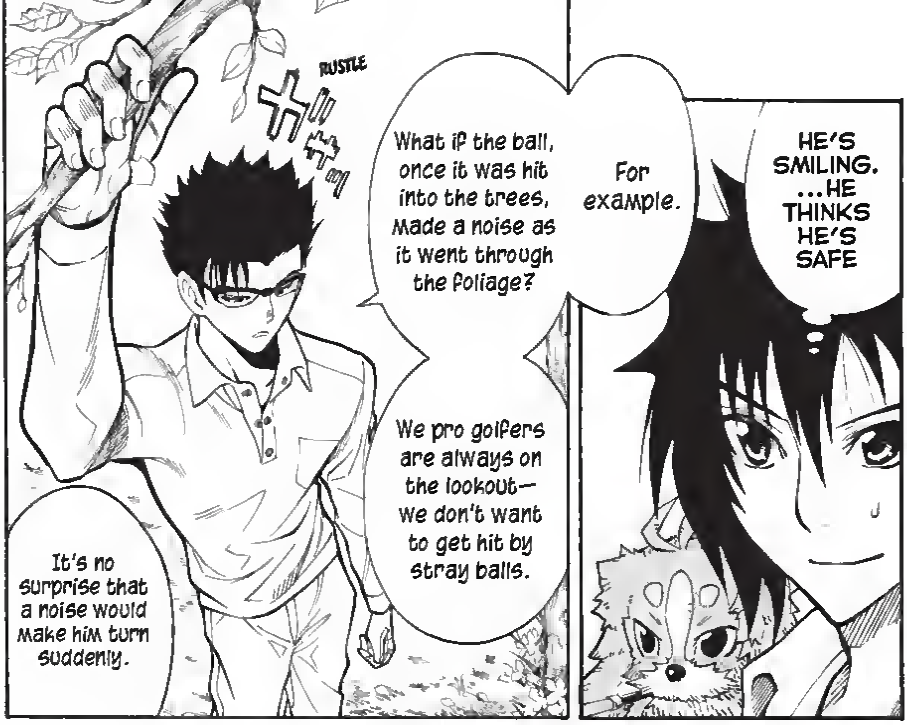
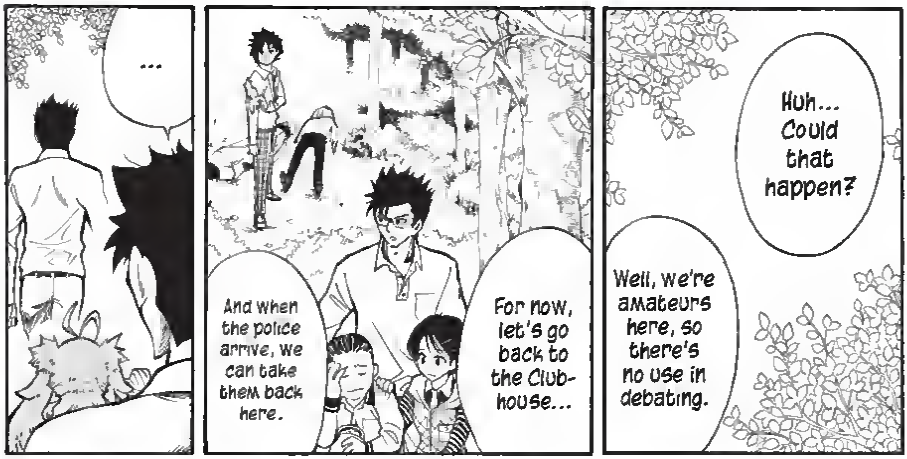
That's a good point.
You're quite the sleuth, Wajima-kun.
HEH...
But sometimes things happen in life that you never could have imagined.


RUSTLE
It's no surprise that a noise would make him turn suddenly.
We pro golfers are always on the lookout— we don't want to get hit by stray balls.
What if the ball, once it was hit into the trees, made a noise as it went through the foliage?
For example.
HE'S SMILING. ...HE THINKS HE'S SAFE

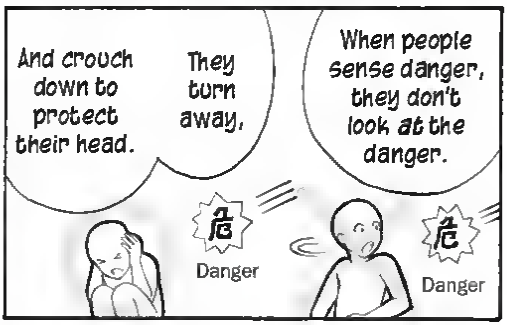
...Is that a reasonable explanation?
He was unlucky enough to take a direct hit to the heart.
And the second he did...


...
And when the police arrive, we can take them back here.
For now, let's go back to the Clubhouse...
Huh... Could that happen?
Well, we're amateurs here, so there's no use in debating.

Watch out, Hanabusa-pro!!
?!
GAH!

...!!
GASP
KODAN
And try and get out of the line of fire, right? Like you just did.
...See?
Normally, you'd cover your head!

I'M pretty sure Kuchiki-pro would have done what you just did.
If the ball really made a sound when it came at him,


And crouch down to protect their head.
They turn away,
When people sense danger, they don't look at the danger.
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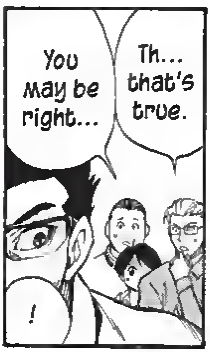
You may be right...
Th... that's true.
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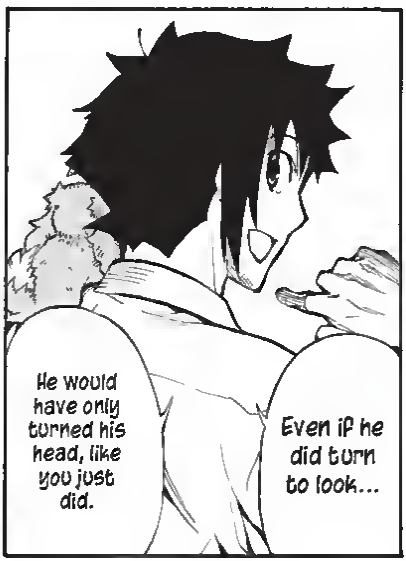

He would have only turned his head, like you just did.
Even if he did turn to look...

...
And there!

...
I see...

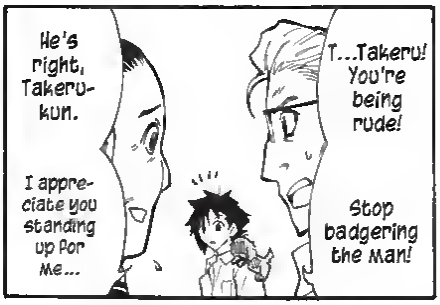
!
Then have you thought of this?
You have a point.

He could still get hit in the chest.
If that happened, even if he was facing away from the batting ground,
And then came at Kuchiki-pro from the front.
First, the ball bounced off a tree,

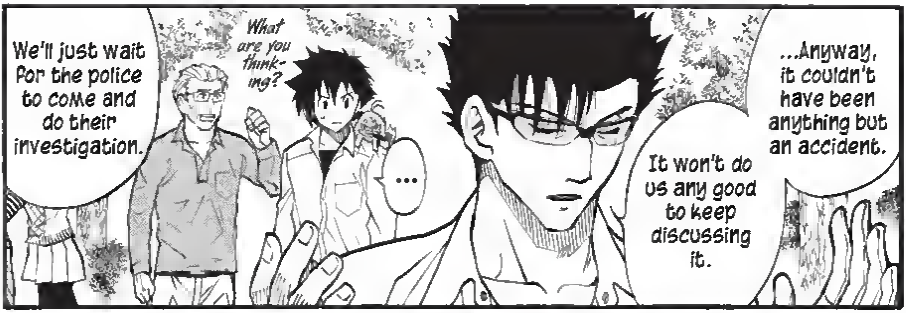
I'm not an expert. I couldn't tell you.
That's a good question.
Would it still be able to stop someone's heart?
But if it bounced off a tree,

What?
But I thought you went to Med school, Hanabusa-pro.
That was a long time ago.
And I dropped out of Med School to pursue my golf career.
I've forgotten most of what I learned about Medicine.

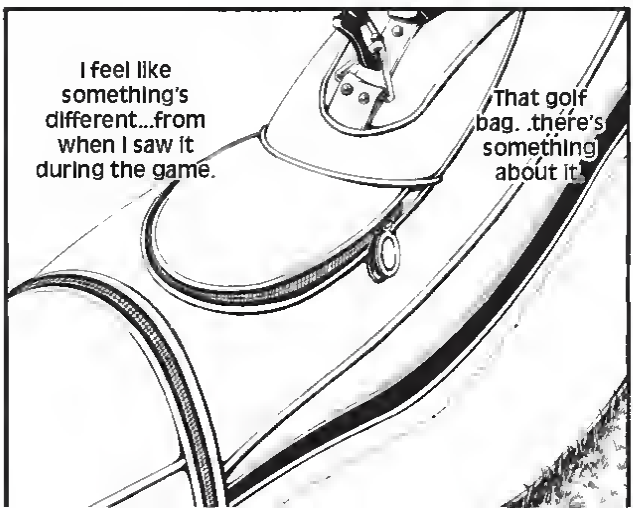
Miki...!!


T...Takeru! You're being rude!
He's right, Takeru-kun.
Stop badgering the man!
I appreciate you standing up for me...

But we have to accept the facts.
Dad...!!
It was my ball...that killed him...

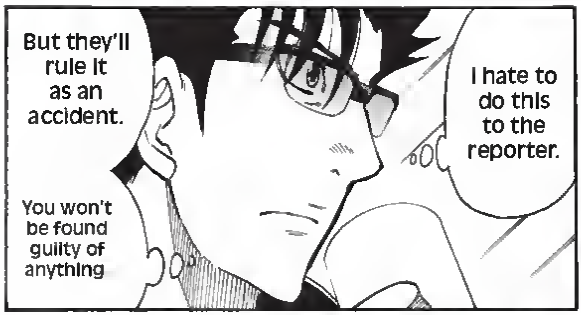

We'll just wait for the police to come and do their investigation.
What are you thinking?
...
It won't do us any good to keep discussing it.
...Anyway, it couldn't have been anything but an accident.

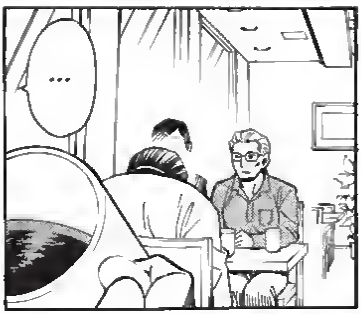
DAMMIT!
ARISA-KA-SAN... MIKI... JUST YOU WAIT!!
I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES...TO EXPOSE THIS CRIMINAL!!


I feel like something's different...from when I saw it during the game.
That golf bag. .there's something about it.

...
Some-thing... feels off.

POLICE
POLICE


But they'll rule it as an accident.
You won't be found guilty of anything
I hate to do this to the reporter.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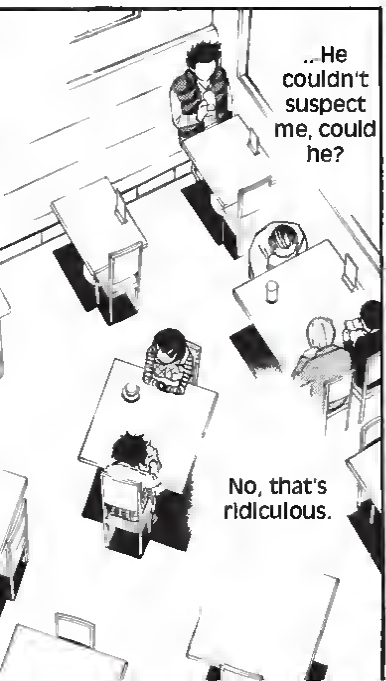
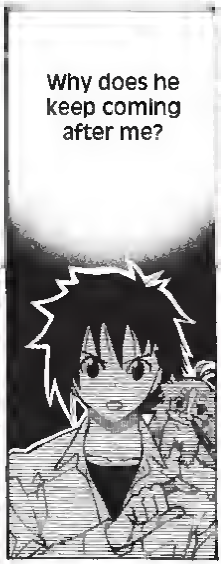
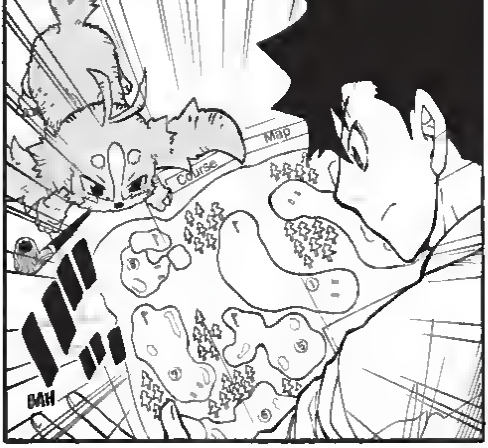

..He couldn't suspect me, could he?
No, that's ridiculous.


Why does he keep coming after me?

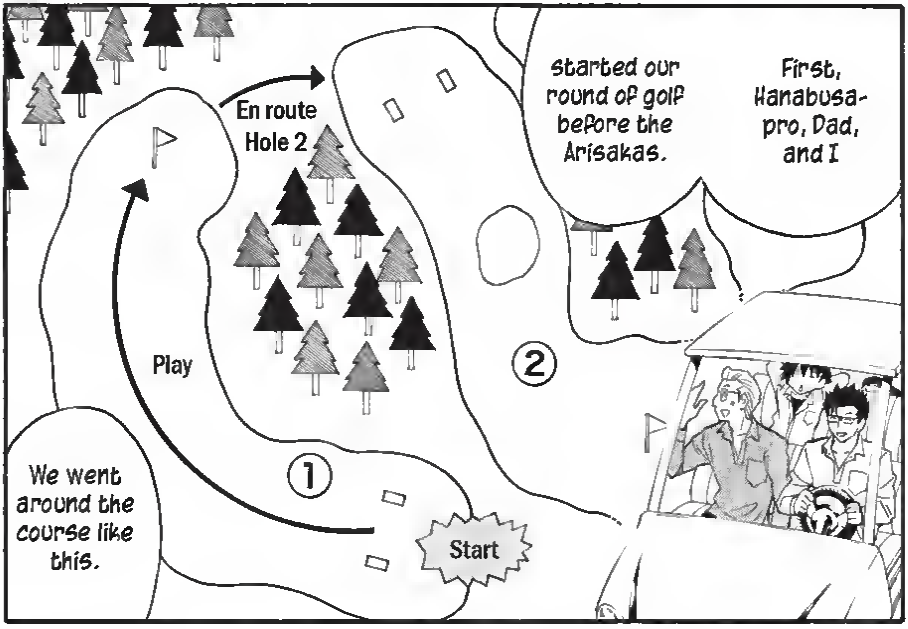
...Is that Takeru boy.
What worries me more...
A dog with cat eyes!

He couldn't have possibly seen me do anything suspicious.
His dad dragged him along to play a round with me.
But I have nothing to worry about.
...That dog is so creepy. He's staring at me with human-like eyes.
The dog can't say anything.
The only one who saw me at the scene was...
...
I wanted to copy him, so I...
...
Yes...I'm positive it was my ball.
Kuchiki-pro said he always hits it over the trees.

Dammit!
If we don't do something, they'll pin it on Miki's dad.
Let's not be hasty, Watson.
More importantly, will you tell me everything that happened when you were with Hanabusa-pro?
Huh? What do you mean?
But...
There is only one truth!
No matter how cleverly he tries to hide it,
You see, no matter how elaborate Hanabusa-pro's plan may have been,
He never could have foreseen that Miss Miki's father, Mr. Yūsaku Arisaka,
Would have hit his ball into the woods.
That's true...
ARF!
Quite so! Which means...
He must have had another plan to cover up the murder.
One that did not rely on Mr. Arisaka's unpredictable Miss-hit.
...
GULP


Course
Map
MH

ARF!
I'M all ears!
All right! Then I'll tell you everything I can remember!

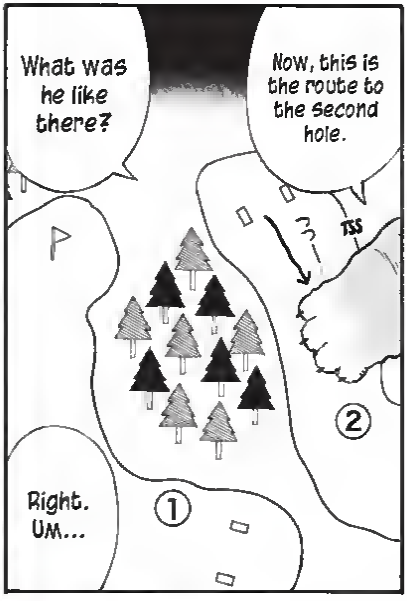

En route Hole 2
Play
Start
We went around the course like this.
started our round of golf before the Arisakas.
First, Hanabusa-pro, Dad, and I

I'll call Kuchiki-pro and let him know he can get started.
You're better than I thought.
He did keep getting out his phone and checking the time.

Not really... He was really friendly... Hmm...
Did you notice anything?

At the second hole, Hanabusa-pro hit a ball, and it made a crazy turn.
That's a slice if I ever saw one.

I see.
?!
ARF!
He said something about how he wanted to all have lunch together afterward, so he didn't want us to get too far apart.


What was he like there?
Now, this is the route to the second hole.
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TSS
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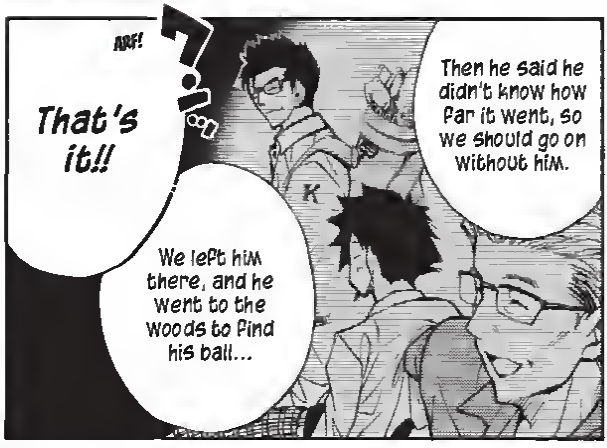
①
Right. Um...

He was setting up his "unforeseen accident"!!
Just as I suspected!


ARF!
That's it!!
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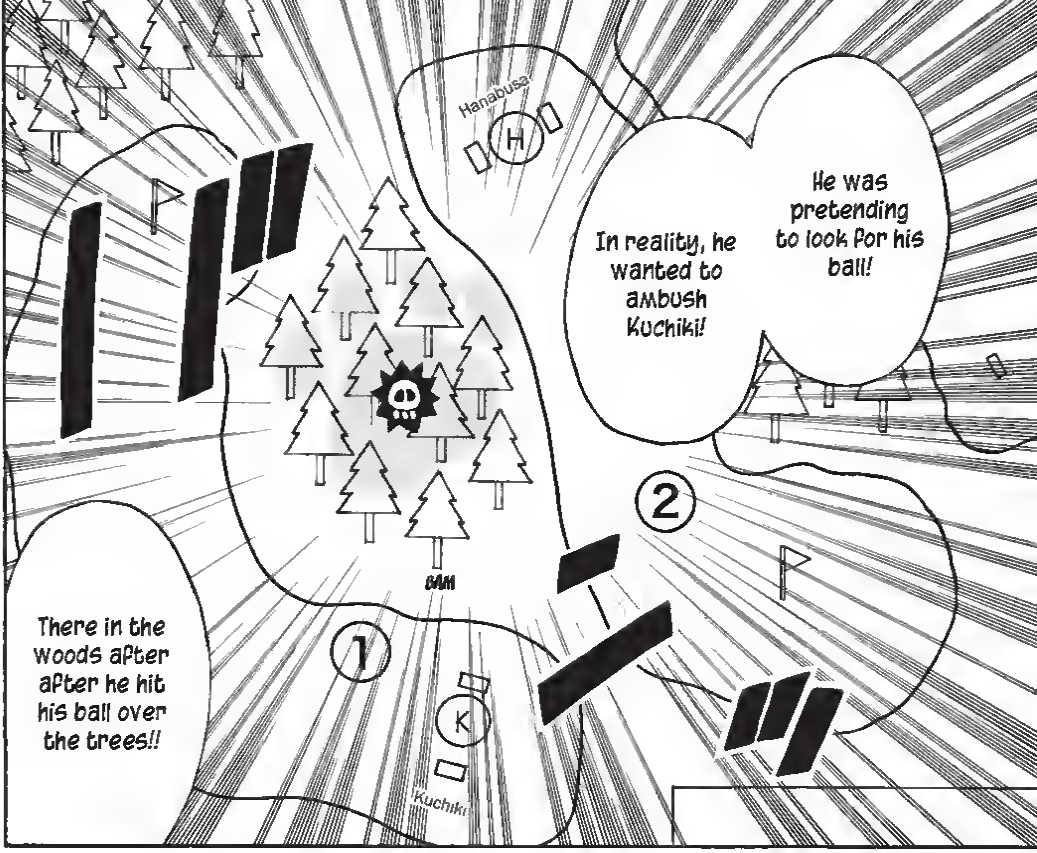
We left him there, and he went to the woods to find his ball...
Then he said he didn't know how far it went, so we should go on without him.

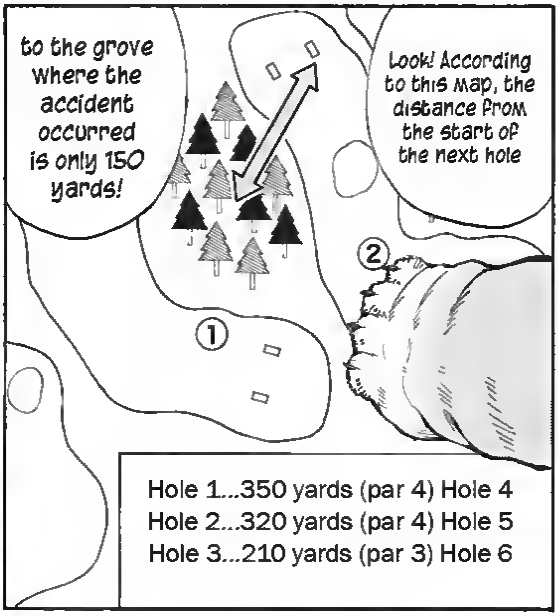

Hanabusa
H
He was pretending to look for his ball!
In reality, he wanted to ambush Kuchiki!
2
BAM
There in the woods after after he hit his ball over the trees!!
1
K
Kuchiki

Exactly. Hanabusa knew that Kuchiki always tries to hit his ball over the trees.
So he made sure his own shot from the next hole went into the woods...

Oh! Now that you mention it, Miki's dad did say...
I wanted to copy him, so I...
Kuchiki-pro said he always hits it over the trees.

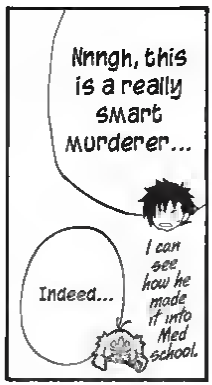
happened to hit Kuchiki-pro in the heart and killed him.
And was going to make up a story about how his ball

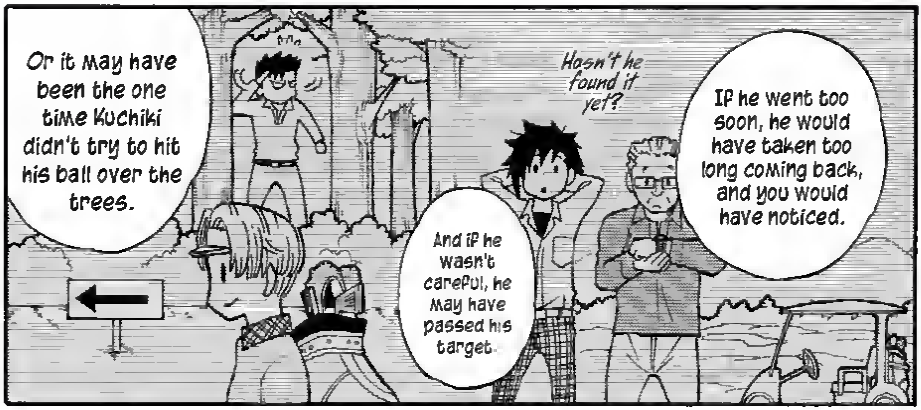
That's close enough for the ball to go into the trees.
And close enough to give him time to run in and kill him!


to the grove where the accident occurred is only 150 yards!
Look! According to this map, the distance from the start of the next hole
①
②
Hole 1...350 yards (par 4) Hole 4
Hole 2...320 yards (par 4) Hole 5
Hole 3...210 yards (par 3) Hole 6

It's a pretty big grove, and it's not a short path...
Hmm... quite so...

How would he know exactly where to be and when to be there?
But wait.
Even if he could time everything to kill him,


Nnngh, this is a really smart murderer...
Indeed...
I can see how he made it into Med school.

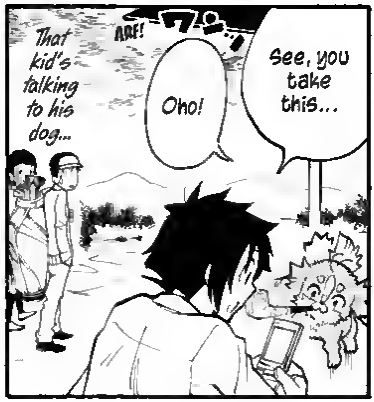

Or it may have been the one time Kuchiki didn't try to hit his ball over the trees.
Hasn't he found it yet?
If he went too soon, he would have taken too long coming back, and you would have noticed.
And if he wasn't careful, he may have passed his target.

?
That's it, Sherdog!
There's a really handy feature I think he could have used.

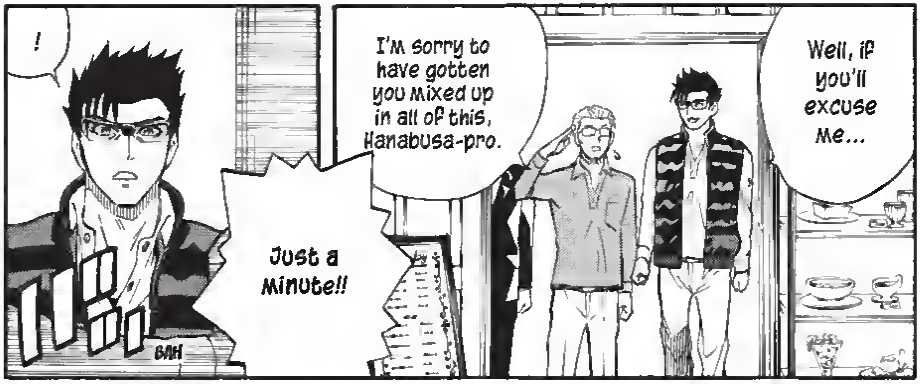
It's okay! I have another one, and it's a smart phone. I can find it.
You did? What are you gonna do?

HMMM...
...
...
Oh man, I dropped my phone somewhere on the course!

Ack!
BOOP BOOP BOOP
Fascinating. May I see that?


That kid's talking to his dog...
ARF!
Oho!
See, you take this...

Wh-what's wrong, Sherdog?
...
Oops, I opened your messages...
Hey, just tell me and I can do it...
Don't look at those.
GASP
...!!
Yes, you see...
Different?
This is what I noticed that was different.
...This photograph.
We may be able to force a confession out of him!!
ARF!
CLATTER
...Oh!!
Aha! So *that's* how he did it!!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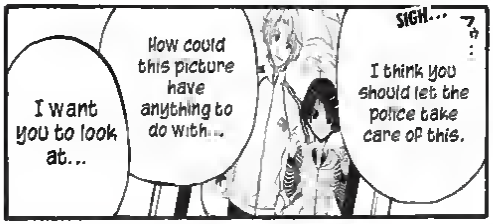
BAM
Just a minute!!
I'm sorry to have gotten you mixed up in all of this, Hanabusa-pro.
Well, if you'll excuse me...

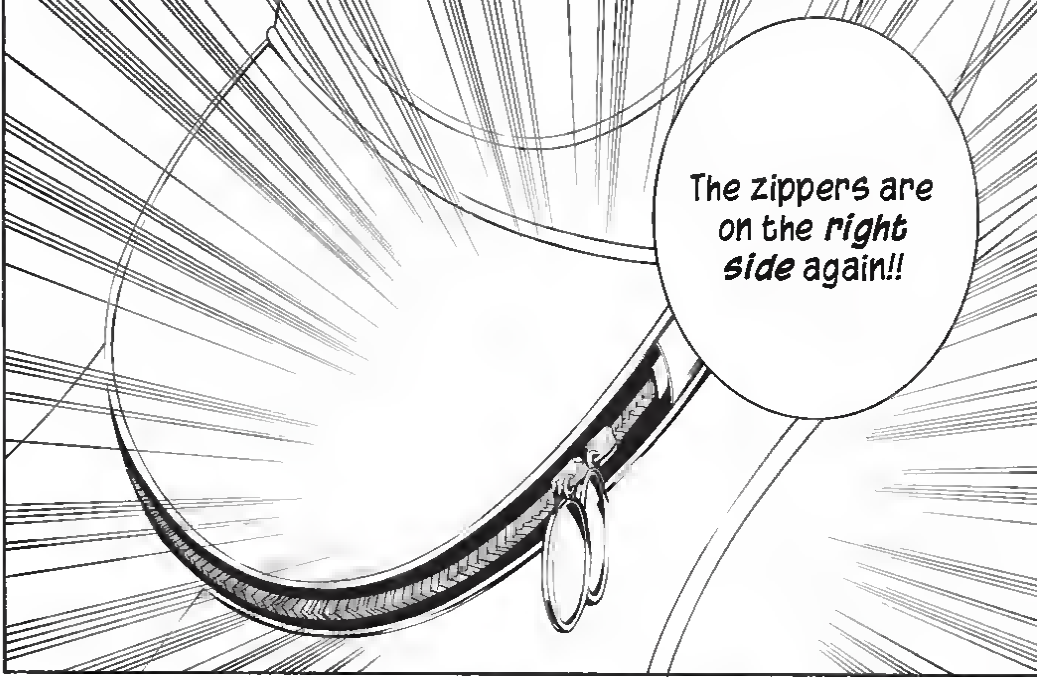

I want you to look at...
How could this picture have anything to do with...
SIGH...
I think you should let the police take care of this.

The pocket on the golf bag!
?!

What does he think he's doing? The little brat.
Dad! Will you let me check Kuchiki-pro's golf bag?
W...well, if that's all you want...

HUFF
HUFF
I want you to look at this picture!!
You...

Look carefully at these pictures.
CHAK
And what does that have to do with the accident?
PAT PAT
Well, from the feel of it, I don't think there's anything inside.
they've moved over to the left.
But in the second picture, on the golf course,
The zipper pulls are on the right side of the pocket.
In that first picture with Miki,
And, as you can see, after the incident...


The zippers are on the *right side* again!!

What do you think that means?

No! Did I...?
B-DMP
Okay, one more! Here goes!
Now I just...
ZIP!
...